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For: INHIBITOR SCREENING METHOD AND  
ATOPIC DERMATITIS-LIKE SYMPTOM  
INDUCING METHOD WHICH UTILIZES  
INDUCTION OF PRODUCTION OF  
INTERLEUKIN 18 BY KERATINOCYTE  
AND UTILIZATION OF SAME

Examiner: P. C. Martin

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)**

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